SENATE INQUIRY REVEALS NATIONWIDE GERMAN PROPAGANDA SYSTEM

BOAS SOUGHT TO BUY PAPERS IN PROPAGANDA

Activities of Hamburg-American Official Revealed to Senate Committee.

FOUND NONE AVAILABLE

Various Periodicals and Dailies Approached by German Agents.

Two reports relating to magazines and newspapers, which young Herbert time with anybody with German con-Boas, son of the late Emil L. Boas, nections. former managing director of the Hamburg-American Line in this country, identified, thought could be used for dum for New Weekly Magazine." that is investigating German activities Attorney-General.

The reports, which bore no dates, evidently were prepared early during the European war. They were found in the files of the Hamburg-American | Warner Magazine. Mr. Warner is the Line. It was said officially that they reached Von Bernstorff at the German Embassy.

W. G. Sickel, a vice-director of the examination by Mr. Becker that he had received the report signed by Boas from him. He testified that he did not know that the reports were connected with the German propaganda campaign.

younger Boas died in January, 1917. He took the Plattsburg military training course in 1916 and became ill in camp of ptomaine poisoning.

Relating to Viereck's Weekly.

The report attributed to Boas deals written in an irresponsible fashion either November or December, 1914. with no pretence to grammatical correctness and with statements based largely on gossip. It starts abruptly that are being published to-day.

been purchased for nothing. Approxiwas dropped for obvious for his work. reasons explained to you.

either get another paper or start one. McClure also offers to be of whatever viz., a weekly. No doubt pecuniary assistance he can.
interest in the scheme forms part of "Mr. McClure stated that the amount

Monthlies Not Available.

Boas said that he had carefully gone over the field and that the magazine project had narrowed itself down to two publications, Harper's Weekly and Current Opinion. "The former," he said, "upon being

traced to the ground is found not to be for sale. Current Opinion can be is 425,000, and the entire block with Bosch Magneto Property, had for \$125,000. The total common the exception of about 24,000 can be secured for \$125,000. Funk and Wagnalls own the paper, but the claim is that it is becoming too great a com petitor of their Literary Digest, therefore they would be willing to dispose of it to some one who they presume uld not make a great success of it.

value; the former, great. The other York.

three possibilities, the idea that they machines which practically gives it a from July 15 until October \$1. 1915. penalty for a violation is a fine of not be the purchasers for us, receive as monopoly on such products.

Within this time Mr. Albert has to dependent of the beautiful of the product of the p

Anthony Brady, who died about a year shares of the company's stock.

ago, leaving a fortune of about \$15.

Before the consummation of

William H. Bliss, a lawyer. He wealth, who was the widow of Bernos | man. Barnes, the founder and owner of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. Mr. Blisa's son by a former marriage married Mrs. Barnes's daughter, and they for the last number of years have been in the various capitals—he attached to various United States embassies. It would

up business interests.

"A brilliant editor from some other ity such as the editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Springfield Repubican, etc., could then be secured at a

to run the paper. "Mr. Adams is not sure of these men-ing pro-German, but does not think that they are very pro-English. Brady Gas Company, etc. Mr. Adams will ndeavor to find out more and let me us with these men.

"I should like to know whether I should be chosen

(Signed) "H. A. Boas." London in July, 1918.

No Negotiations for "The Sun." W. C. Reick of THE SUN said last night that he never met Boas. He added that no negotiations affecting

The report attributed to Revere was unsigned. Its only identification was that inasmuch as a crisis is develop the line, "Dictated by C. T. Revere," ing for the near future in the Germanand one C. T. Revere, otherwise un- at the end. It was headed "Memoranspreading German propaganda, have was alleged to be the elaboration of an tion of that in the East, which will been sent to the Senate committee idea suggested by H. L. McCure, who of course remain irretrievably pros called a brother of S. S. McClure The reference is probably to a cousin against the encroachments of Engby Alfred L. Becker, Deputy State of S. S. McClure. The report follows

be affiliated for the physical purzine, not yet named, in about one Hamburg-American Line, admitted un- sive and successful publisher and has ductivity. succeeded in making a financial success of Smart Set, which for som financial difficulties.

Thought Well of Mencken.

"Associated with Mr. Warner in his able editors, one H. L. Mencken, for a from the United States," number of years associated with the example of his work which I recall is say: with a project to buy a New York an article entitled 'The Mailed Fist daily newspaper and a magazine. It and Its Prophet' in the Atlantic for as can be foreseen appears to be a

"Mr. Mencken has won the reputation of writing the best book reviews and was evidently a continuation of a man of a high order of literary skill an earlier report on the same subject. and talent: a very sound thinker, con-It was headed "Weekly and Daily servative in expression, and a highly The report follows in part: skilled adept in the art of writing. Mr. The original scheme was the pur- Mencken is of German descent, al- Wright vs. Curtiss, in which Wright chase of Viereck's weekly, the Inter- though I am not certain whether of ational. This was fully developed German birth or not. I hear he makes patents. The action will come before and 51 per cent. of stock could have an annual trip to Munich, Germany.

"It is the suggestion of Mr. McClure "William Bayard Hale, who was the that Mr. Warner, Mr. Mencken and sibilities may not present themselves, editor on a salary of \$5,000 a year Mr. Nathan would take part of their by which Curtiss can carry on his and 25 per cent. of total profits at remuneration for their aid in estab- business, is, in view of the flexibility no risk to himself, seems anxious to lishing the magazine in stock. Mr.

the desire on his part. To start which it would cost to establish this a new weekly is expensive and magazine would depend entirely upon a new weekly is expensive and magazine would depend entirely upon we previously only contemplated would have no effect for at least six the scale of the enterprise. He places the acquisition of an option for the months, which are the most valuable. In a maximum of \$10,000 a month and a purchase of the Wright company, in the form of desiccated milk. should be over with in one year."

HUGE ALIEN PLANT SOLD FOR \$4,150,000

Largest in U. S., Is Bought by New York Man.

The Bosch Magneto property, held by A Mitchell Palmer, Allen Property as a weekly is a question. It would manufacturing plant of its kind in the

morning dailies, Herald, American, In his determination to Americaniza World, Times, Tribune, are obviously German owned companies, notwithnot to be had. The presumption of a standing the cessation of hostilities, man closely connected with the news- Mr. Palmer sold two other plants yespaper world, who is a personal friend terday. The F. Speidel Company, a paper world, who is a personal friend to the concern engaged in the manufacture of speed pro-German news or to suppress and those which some might be had for \$150,000, its loss lewel chains in Providence, was sold not amounting to more than about to a syndicate of Leach & Garner German propaganda in any other way \$15,000 to \$20,000 yearly. Mr. Ricek Company and J. F. Sturdy & Sons of compatible with its organization. It is evidence bearing on German intrigue \$15,000 to \$20,000 yearly. Mr. Rieck Company and J. F. Staray & S. to consider an offer of purchase; man, New York; Electric Chain Comstated, however, that before going pany, Attleboro, Mass.; R. R. Fogel & propaganda shall not be more extenfurther he must know principals; that Co., 175 Broadway; E. A. Eddy Mahe had been approached by some German interests some weeks ago and 'of course I would not sell to them.' It is Company, Providence; R. D.,
Sterling New York; Lederer Realty ton. It must absolutely be avoided to the course I would not sell to them.' It is Company, Providence; McRae & Keehellowed that Moreon sided R in purlet. Attleboro, and James C. Dorat believed that Morgan aided R. in pur-ler, Attleboro, and James C. Doran, becomes a Providence. The German firm owned ganization. "Mr. Adams I saw and he proposed certain patents covering chain making

compensation say 5 or 10 per cent. of the holdings of the Dresden Lace clare whether he will make use of the stock and the permission to air their Works of Norwalk, Conn., amounting option to buy the control of the aforeviews on financial matters. The three to 1,250 shares of 2,250 of the capital said association by paying the amount stock, were offered at auction. Richard of \$900,000. "William A. Reed (Read) of Will- Mueller of Norwalk, Conn., was the tam A. Reed & Co. He is a positive sole bidder. He offered \$100 a share the option to the 31st of October, 1915, bold man, who would not have to be and \$10,000 for rights under a certain and placing the good will of the assobeholden to J. P. M. & Co. beholden to J. P. M. & Co. contract to which the Dresden Lace clation at the disposal of Mr. Albert
"J. C. Brady, one of the sons of Works is party. He already owns 700 the aforesaid association will receive

sales they must be approved by the his delegates, who will confirm if advisory sales committee, of which necessary in daily conference with Mr. married a Mrs. Barnes of great Otto T. Bannard of New York is chair-

> Pipes for Scotch Regiments. Special correspondence to Tun Sun.

LONDON, Nov. 17 .- All Scotch regiments are to be provided with bag-pipes, according to an army order. The order states that one set of pipes appear natural to the public that Bliss a piper, including a sergeant piper, buys the paper with Mrs. Barnes's will in future be supplied as regimoney for their son and daughter, the mental equipment.

SPIES PLOTTED TO CONTROL AIRCRAFT

Continued from First Page.

w. Mr. Day can very possibly aid make him a Senator; therefore principally the sympathy for our cause.

"We well know that the task is should definitely throw down Current great and the time is short; knowing, Opinion; whether it is still wished however, we have to consider that the that a weekly be considered; in short, present moment is very auspicious, as the middle West, the West and even the South the opinion is gaining more Boas, in his reference to Anthony and more momentum that the German Brady, undoubtedly had in mind An- requests are not without merit and thony N. Brady. Mr. Brady died in that at last something must be done to put a stop to the English encroach ments which are seriously jeopardizing the interests and industries of this

Hearst Chicago Paper Quoted.

"A pertinent article from the local Hearst paper, Examiner, is respectfully enclosed herewith. I do not believe it is going too far to presume American negotiations public opinion It in the United States, with the excep-English, will turn more and more land,"

Inquided in the Reiswitz letter was Mr. McClure's suggestion is the es- the first disclosure of the German tablishment of a weekly magazine to programme of buying in the Wright coses of publication only with the and thereby shut off the manufacture planes for the Allies, and by acquipublisher of Field and Stream, Smart sition of the Wright patents make Set, and will start the publica- endless trouble for the Curtiss plant tion of a new monthly flction maga- at Buffalo, which was then having legal entanglements with the Wrights month. Mr. Warner is a very ageres- which threatened to tie up their pro-

quire a control over the whole Wright time, as I understand it, had been in patent and thereby over the airplane factories in the whole United State for about one year. We would thereby probably be placed in the position being able to prevent the greatest ublishing enterprises are two very part of the export of flying machines the letter ontinued, after stating that a German Baltimore Sun and a frequent contrib- agent, named Von Alvensieben, had utor of thoughtful articles to the lead- partly finished a deal for getting the ing magazines of America. The test Dayton plant. It then went on to

> "But aside from this the plan so far lucrative financial undertaking could then in case we so desired take over the Wright works on the ground of the contracts to be carried out.

Speculates on Air Lawsuits.

"At the present time there is pendso I have heard, an action, complains of default in the use of his the Supreme Court in Washington in purchased for nothing. Approxicost of 15,000 copies weekly writers, is dramatic critic of Smart Set Wright won and it is to be expected a year. The and has won a very high reputation with quite a good deal of certainty that the last trial will be decided in his favor also. While the other posby which Curtiss can carry on his of the local patent laws, at least questionable. Regarding this question the opinion of an experienced patent at-

hould be first secured. of one of Wright's intimate, confi- was used for this purpose. dential men and a local business man, we will be able to do without cost. On

early conference.

They claim that it has a net revenue Custodian, was sold at auction yester-as a monthly of \$28,000 yearly. It has day to H. C. Griffiths of New York, and conduct under German auspices the opposition of the Irish-Americans and conduct under German auspices to the opposition of the Irish-Americans have been fair, the pro-Ally tendencies of the American Press Association. It would manufacturing plant of its kind in the This was shown in a great success of the American people was to have been fair, This was shown in a memo, which Dr. American people was to have been as a weekly is a question. It would manufacturing plant of its kind in the last was shown in a memo, which Dr. appear to be better to start a new United States. When Joseph F. Guf-last had procured and which was weekly than to pay \$125,000 for a fey, director of the bureau of sales, found among his effects. It was monthly review which must be turned offered it for sale H. G. Fisk of the Fisk pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers pointed out that with a main office in the list of organizers after negotiations with Hale paid \$50.

Weekly.

**Morning Paper "Possibilities."

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"Daily morning papers, New York.—

There are only two possibilities, The Chase Securities Corporation of New England, a splendid method of getting on one occasion, it was shown, had Sun and Press. The latter has little York and George B. Foster of New German made news before the public deposited in a special fund \$3,000, of nemorandum reads:

"1. The American Press Association The State Department to-day drew places its whole organization at the on its files for the copies of the Bernisposal of Mr. H. A. Albert in order to storff documents and all those which that the American Press Association becomes a recognized pro-German or-

"2. This arrangement to be valid clare whether he will make use of the exceeding ten days, or both.

"3. As compensation for extending the sum of ——, payable the first of Before the consummation of these each month. Mr. Albert will designate Smith the general policy to be pursued and the steps to be taken. [Courtland Smith is president of the American Press Association !

"4. If the option is executed the sum tipulated under No. 3 will be deducted from the final payment to be made under this contract."

Mr. Blelaski showed how in the mind of Count von Bernstorff at least, if not in the minds of the more noisy proponents of the Prussianizing of the

United States, sentiment was turning as the war progressed and he noted HALE'S ACTIVITIES the development of the anti-German feeling in all quarters of the United States.

Other agents of the German Gov ernment, notably Dr. George Barthelme. Washington correspondent of the Cologne Garette by title but active as a German spy, had said that he is beholden to Tammany account of merly leader of the Wilson campaign hoped "the Yankees were becoming his association with the Consolidated and is a deadly enemy of Wilson, as reconciled." Count von Bernstorff acthe latter did not keep his word to cording to Mr. Bielaski cherished no such hop

"The following cablegram from Von Bernstorff to the Wilhelmstrasse showed the fear," Mr. Bielaski said;

As to the value of weekly papers in general there are here very different views. Mr. Bayard Hale wishes me to propose to you the founding of a first class weekly, whereas I, in my report No. 412, recommended the starting of a monthly. Personally I think it entirely depends upon whether we make a happy choice is respect of the editor. In this respect we have nad a very unfortunate experience with the Times Mail. Only future can show whether we shall have better luck with Mr. Huntington Wright and Mr. T. E. Lowe.

The fact of an American newspaper being subsidized can never be kept secret because there is no reticence in this country. It always ends with my being held respon-sible for all the articles of any such newspaper. This is particularly undesirable when, as now, we are in an electoral campaign of the bitterest character, which is turning largely upon foreign policy. I have therefore, with much satis-

faction to myself at least, succeeded in getting out of all relations with Fair Play of Mr. Marcus Braun. I should also be glad to be free from the Fatherland, which has shown itself to be of little value. It is particularly difficult in a

hostile country to find suitable persons for help of this sort and to this. as well as the Lusitania case, we may attribute the shipwreck of the German propaganda initiated by Herr Dernburg

Conspirators Have Little Luck.

selves, according to the witness, recognized the difficulties surrounding the was remarked repeatedly in the documents that the extreme of secrecy must be carefully covered up. An elaborate system of getting news

out of Holland was perfected, but to get it to the United States was the President, the word that at this great difficulty. The records were reports of moment should be spoken by the head failure. from Washington, told how it had been arranged through an agency known as the International Press Exchange and having offices at 30 East Forty-second street, New York, that German made news framed to express neutral origin but carrying the polsor carefully embedded in it, was to have been served New York. The genesis of this news was to have been the Nicuw Courant, published in Rotterdam, and despatches to American papers were to be sent following cable orders. This at the cable office

zation of the citizens' committee for food shipments by a group of people at the home of Samuel Untermyer. About submission of Washington to the sea against England and stopping the extorney of Washington or New York \$30,000 was raised for this organization, its purpose being to send food "We previously only contemplated into Germany for the needy, particuted Wilson, published in 1912, but thus been one of his assistants. Hale, on the

Lost \$2,400,000 on Munitions.

and then to make our decision. All munitions made by the Bridgeport ough, Mass., and Ardmore, Pa., but in ther details, some of which are a little Projectile Company to keep this supemplicated, can be worked out at an ply out of Ally hands. The German ism, starting as managing editor of Government could not get its own the Cosmopolitan Magazine. War correspondent, who was in Ber-"So also the copies of both the judg-ments in the lower and higher courts have gone in. These, as also all other documents necessary for the determination of the matter, Mr. von Alsvensleben will bring with him personally."

Government could not get its own the was editor of the book supplement of the was editor of the book supplement of the World's Work and later ment of the New York Times just best fore he went abroad in 1907 and interpose that the was editor of the book supplement of the World's Work and later ment of the New York Times just best fore he went abroad in 1907 and interpose the went abroad in 1907 and interpose to the Northchiffe publications, told in one of his despatches, viewed the Kaiser on the imperial yacht. The interview was accepted by the Century Magazine but was withdrawn before publication for respondents by the Century Magazine but was withdrawn before publication for respondents by the came of course provided with

Planned to Buy Press Association.

The American Truth Society was another development of the German Government had intimate against England, that much was cer- storff could supply. Long before Hale cheme to make America safe for dealings. It was through this organi-

German made news before the public deposited in a special fund \$3,000, of magazine wrote the Wilson biography. the Quicksands," he says: under the guise of legitimate foreign which he drew out \$500 for Gustav In 1913 he edited the collection of "The highly organized attack which despatches would be presented. The Gottsleff of the American Peace So-

ciety. nderstood that this arrangement will in the United States both before and everybody in sight.

Red Fing Ordinance Signed.

Mayor Hylan yesterday signed the ordinance adopted by the Board of Aldermen that prohibits the display of the red flag or any other insignia opposed to organized government. The

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Correspondent Told Wilson in Open Letter Foe Could Not Be Beaten.

The Government's revelation of the paid pro-German activities of William Bayard Hale, who after receiving-as it is charged-\$15,000 a year for propaganda work in this country in 1914 and 1915 went to Berlin as a corre spondent, gives new interest to some of the travelling doctor's outgivings from abroad before America got into

There is, for instance, the "open etter to President Wilson" dated "on the Somme battlefield October 16, 1916," which was published in the New York American on December 10 of that year. began: "Mr. President, in other days you have sometimes been pleased to use my eyes as your own. You have expressed confidence in the fidelity of my observation as a reporter."

What followed was a picture of men dying in battle and an appeal to President Wilson to end the war, with this testimony both as to Mr. Hale's "fidel- \$15,000 a year. Hale himself said on ity of observation" and his power of Friday: prophecy:

"This war is at a standstill. I have travelled 500 miles along the western German lines of defence. They cannot Even the German officials them. be broken through in a hundred years. . . I have been on the east front. 1915.

Nothing can happen there approchasubsidizing of the American press. It to alter the decision, which might as well be rendered now a had to be observed in all developments five or ten years hence. Without and that every step of organization doubt all the Governments involved pay when he was in Berlin as a correknow this. All are weary, weary, weary of the strife. They await, Mr.

Prince Hatzfeldt, writing of the chief of neutral peoples." Memorised Treetop Writings. The neutral Dr. Hale said that his

sentences had "been written in treetops overlooking the inferno of battle, and added the remarkable statement to THE SUN, World and American in Ishly think) that even to allow them Government might think (might foolto go out of the land might be regarded as a sign of weakness I have eral remittances from the New York

> A good deal of Hale's further correspondence from Germany was devoted Hale speaks was at 1123 Broadway to protesting against what he termed His principal effort there was aimed in one of his dispatches "the humble at tyranny of Great Britain."

Hale wrote a biography of Woodrow months, which are the most valuable. It can be done at any time if deintroduced a maximum of \$10,000 a month and a purchase of the Wright company, in
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withdrawn before publication for rea-sons which have never been definitely "He tain. Hale himself said the article was had a chance to present himself at the not published because it would not Foreign Office the Foreign Office pre-

Berlin Paper Accused Hale.

Washington was as mysterious as Evening Mail."

of his mission, but in a fore note Hale article in the World's Work of May, 1914, it was said: "Dr. Hale went to the Mexican capital to investigate the events and the character of the Huerta regime. He renained three months, returning to Washington with a report which, according to common belief, decided President Wilson to refuse recognition of the Huerta government. Later Dr. Hale visited the revolutionary chiefs in northern Mexico, and held a series of conferences with Gen. Carranza and his staff; these conferences were followed shortly afterward by the abolition of the embarge

Dropped by President Wilson.

on arms and munitions of war, which

had placed the revolutionists at a dis-

advantage."

To this should be added a line from "Who's Who" sketch of Hale Special agent of President Wilson in Mexico, 1913-1914."

After 1914 no public mention of any

visit of Hale to the White House was

made, and it was reported that the

cordial relations between Mr. Wilson

and his blographer had ceased. that year and the year following Hale sent to newspapers and magazines articles and letters attacking the President's foreign policy. Strangely enough, in one of these articles, published in the Christian Herald in 1915, Hale strongly deployed the lifting of the Mexican embargo on arms and munitions, with which Hale himself had been credited by the World's Work Herald Hale said that "the chaos which obtains in Mexico is in large measure the work of guns and cartridges made in the United States and said the Deutschland Ueber Alles xported to Mexico, where they have

done their perfect work." At the time Hale experienced this change of mind he was, according to the Bielaski testimony in Washington on the German Embassy payroll at

"It is perfectly well known that is the year 1914-15 I was advice to the German Information Service, a press organization conducted openly aboveboard, with headquarters in Madison Square. I resigned in November,

As a Hearst Correspondent. To correct an impression obtained by

ome hearers of the Bielaski testimony that he was still receiving German spondent for Mr. Hearst in 1916 and 1917, Hale said last night:

"The statement, by whomsoeve made, that while in the employ of the New York American I ever received one penny from the German Govern ment or from anybody connected with the German Government is a lie.

"The allegation that the German Government or anybody connected with the German Government, directly or indirectly, contributed one cent to ward the payment of my expenses in Berlin is a lie. "The fact is that in addition to lib

committed them to memory and taken American I was obliged to cash and them to The Hague, there to file them did cash and expended in Berlin my personal letter of credit for \$5.000." The Madison Square office of which

port of munitions. In this office according to T. Everett Harre, who had

D. Thomas Curtin, an American

sented itself to him, an emissary from the Imperial Chancellor having, according to the story current in Berlin.

Curtin got into trouble after this Hale was employed by the World's despatch was published. In his re-Work from 1909 to 1913 and for that cently published book. "The Edge of

the President's speeches which was soon developed was directed from Ber-published under the title "The New lin by William Bayard Hale, German Freedom." His association with Mr. America's super-Ambassador to the Wilson naturally led to the assump-tion that he was the President's for the Fatherland in the United agent when he went to Mexico in States. Incidentally Hale is the man 1913, travelled about hobnobbing with who wrote Dernburg's justification of bigwigs of all Mexican factions and the sinking of the Lusitania, as remade dinner speeches complimenting vealed in Federal investigations of the Kaiser's purchase of the New York

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REBUFFED BERNSTORFF

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Samuel Untermyer, lawyer, issued a statement yesterday in answer to the copy of a letter of February 19, 1916written by Mr. Untermyer to Dr. lic Friday in Washington when A Bruce Bielaski laid before the subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary at peace it was in diplomatic . Committee much data that had to do versies both with Germany and Grewith German intrigue in America prior to the entry of the United States into the war.

Mr. Untermyer's name appeared among the various papers submitted of any belligerent, and that for that to the Senate Committee in regard to an effort to control "an unnamed" New York newspaper, a "morning and evening newspaper" in fact, which it is crowd wanted so that they might influence thereby American opinion.

Had Forgotten Incident.

"The incident referred to in the leter from me to Dr. Albert, printed in this morning's papers," Mr. Untermyer's statement runs in part, "lay in my mind as so trivial that the writing of the letter had entirely escaped my recollection when I was first asked about it. Nothing was ever done about the thing. The business proposition which I had discussed with Dr. Albert of his possibly investing money in an American owned and controlled newspaper apparently did not appeal to pay. im, for I heard nothing further from him beyond a note saying he would ommunicate with his friends.

"I never in this transaction or a any other time acted in any capa either as counsel, agent or otherwise for the German Government or the or German propaganda as the price of German Embassy, or for any of its beans." members or in connection with German propaganda or anything else in any form, although in February, 1916, when the letter was written, fourteen nonths before we entered the war, it would have been entirely proper and newspapers. The President, they add professional for me to have been em- | would be certain of a warm reception ployed as a lawyer or an agent in con- from the Swiss.

newspaper for the German Government if I had seen fit to do so.

"In point of fact from August, 1914 to our entry into the war I again and again refused to accept retainers from Count von Bernstorff and from other members of the embassy and from men charged with offences against our Government, although there was no possible objection from enher fessional or a citizenship point of visat that time to my accepting such retainers. It was being constantly do by other lawyers of high reputation as they continued to do after we o tered the war and are to-day doing in the proper exercise of their profes-

Was True to British Friends.

"My repeated refusals to not as the; counsel were based on the ground and were stated by me to Count von Bernstorff and to Dr. Albert to be on the ground that I was under great obligations to the British people, many ... whom are and have been for over thirty years my most intimate friends and clients, whose interests I have Heinrich Albert-which was made pub- been all these years and am still representing in this country. "I told them further very frank!

that while the United States was the Britain growing out of their action the war and that in the event of the country being drawn into the confid did not propose to be burdened with the professional or diplomatic secret reason I would not act.

"The old oft denied story that I ar quired an interest in the Yiddish paper the Warhelf, in German interest, also now revived in the account yesterday's proceedings. Although M Bielaski says there is no proof of that fact, the baseless implication is sur

left by the story as printed.
"Let me, therefore, say that my only connection with the Warhelf was the loan early in 1915 to my friend Jodge Aaron J. Levy of this city out of my own money of \$35,000, with which be acquired a small interest in the paper from the old owners, who are still t partners and with whom he is netterly conducting one of the most pro-Ally papers in the city. He had repaid me \$15,000 of the loan, pays his interest promptly and still owes \$20,000, which he expects soon to re-

"It was purely an act of personal friendship on my part, which I man fied out of my own pocket, that is now sought to be distorted into go-alle propaganda and has about as much to do with Germany, German affairs

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